The Logger's Bark

RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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Howdy Club Members,

At long last, the combined July/August issue of The Bark is in your hands or on your computer screen. Sorry it took so long, but as always the summer months get a bit overwhelming.

Field Day was held, and the Club and its members performed admirably. No lives or limbs were lost or even damaged! And the equipment fared well. Randy WB4SPB's innovative Mesh Network was a much appreciated feature in the logging functions of the various stations. See Randy's write-up about the event (with photos) starting on Page 9.

the Property Management Team held a garage sale at the Clubhouse and had a booth at the Chehalis hamfest a week later. Oh, we netted just a bit over $2600 from sales of surplus property. Kudos to the members of the PMT and to the Club members who purchased the goodies.

Several improvement projects have been ongoing at our property. Renovations inside and outside the garage are taking place and are expected to be completed before the weather turns nasty.

And I've managed to avoid falling off my roof while trimming tree limbs that are thinking about encroaching on my antenna wires and guy lines.

Don't forget upcoming events listed elsewhere in this issue: Workshop, Picnic and Salmon Run 2015. That's all folks, I am off on a fishing trip for a day or two. 73

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Board of Directors Meeting

3 June 2015

The Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Treasurer (acting)	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Board Member	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board Member	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board Member	Al Ferguson N7OMS
Board Member	Nick Winter K7MO

There were 14 names on the attendance roster a copy of which is attached to the original minutes

Quorum: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Vice President **Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ**.

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 2015 Board Meeting as distributed and coordinated, were approved without objection or correction.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: **Greta KF7KSW** reported on **Al Churchill AC7BU**'s recent hospitalization, Al is home now and doing well. Nick K7MO reported his father WZ7M had fallen recently and is recovering.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bank Statements	Contest Journal
Utility and Phone Bills	QEX
Newsletters	Electric Radio
Memberships	QSL Cards
Experimenters Journal	

TREASURER'S REPORT: David W7HTJ

Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ presented a brief summary of our financial status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

George **K7GRS** reported membership stands at 294.

George also distributed the fine new membership cards he has created

Library: George K7GRS has joined the Library team, and is working with Doug AD7AV to implement an improved searchable database system which will significantly improve searching for and locating Library holdings.

Training: The next Technician's Class will be in October.

Information Technology: – Randy Myers WB4SBP reported that the Clubhouse IT system is normal with no issues.

HF Operations: Operational

7QP Contest: Nick K7MO noted that the Club received a certificate for coming in First Place in Pierce County

Repeaters: Tim White K7TMW

The search for a certified tower climber to inspect the tower continues, Nick will contact someone he knows.

Repeater Status:

W7DK 145.21 Repeater, Bates Channel 28: -- Operational

W7DK 147.28 Repeater Clubhouse: Status –- Operational

W7DK 147.38 Repeater Crawford Mountain: Status – Operational, *awaiting installation of the 440 MHz control unit*

Tim has the new antenna for the Crawford Mountain repeater

W7DK 440.625 Repeater Clubhouse Status – Operational

IRLP 147.28 Repeater) Operational

Facilities Management:

HF Station facility work: **Al Ferguson N7OMS** - Pending

Garage lighting: Pending, some work will probably be done as we take gear out of the garage for Field Day.

Garage keys lost, new locksets were installed.

Property Management:

Mike W7MWF: Reports several recent donations, including one from **Vern Hase KD7GTZ** donated several entertainment radios that are mostly in good shape.

General Membership Meeting Program for 10 June;

Doug Oakman AD7AV will be presenting the procedures, policy and holdings of the Radio Club of Tacoma, including many rare and historically significant documents.
George K7GRS will be presenting an overview of the newly developed Library search system.

Workshop Project:

Randy WB4SPB announced that this month's Workshop will be focused on Field Day operations and logging training and practice.

Museum: No Report

Field Day: **Randy WB4SBP and Mike W7WMF**

Preparations are coming along, The Club expects to operate in class 6A. Signup sheets were circulated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RCT Centennial Planning: No updates reported

NEW BUSINESS:

Bylaws Amendment: There was a discussion about why the long grace period to March of the following year for membership renewals. The current process delays announcing the year's new membership list unnecessarily. **Joe Lester K7ZG** agreed to draft a Bylaws revision which would remove the grace period. The draft would be reviewed by the Board at a future meeting and if agreed to, would be put on the schedule for a membership vote as required by the current bylaws**.**

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

RCT Brochure: There was a question of whether we had a supply of Club Brochures on hand for Field Day and other opportunities. **George K7GRS** offered to research the available versions and come up with a recommended version for approval and publication.

Picnic: There was a question on whether we were having a Picnic this year. **Greta KF7KSW** will contact Anne to see if they are planning anything.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

W7DK.org Website: Joe K7ZG is planning to retire soon as our website host, Joe asks that we begin looking for someone to pick up the operation. The heavy lifting has essentially been completed, and the maintenance is generally routine and minimal.

ARES/ARRL Meeting: Monte Simpson AF7PQ, the ARRL's Western Washington Section Manager will be making a presentation at the Thursday, June 18th ARES District 5 general membership meeting at the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center The meeting is open to all and starts at 19:00. http://www.qrz.com/db/AF7P Monte will be talking about ARRL, ARES and especially the large earthquake based scenario exercise called Cascadia Rising coming in June next year.

Saturday Open House: The Club welcomes **Bob Jamison KE7WPK** and **Valerie Piggott K7VAP** as new Saturday Open House hosts.

Promotional Opportunity: **Peter Baker AD7EU** alerted the Board to a potentially promotional opportunity with the Tacoma Historical Society who has a storefront window downtown on Pacific Avenue.

ATTABOY"S: **Anne N7ANN**, and **Dave W7UUU** are doing a great job on the first **Tuesday Net**. The Round Table was active and helped answer several check-in's questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:30

RCT General Membership Meeting
10 June 2015 Meeting Notes

The General Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building at Waller Road and 112th Street. .

Vice President **Mike W7XTZ** called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board	Nick Winter K7MO

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached to the original copy of these minutes. There were 39 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by **Chris Maher KG7NFF (Now N7CPM)**

INTRODUCTIONS: Welcoming of guests and self-introductions were completed.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

Correspondence:

Newsletters
Utility Bills
Bank Statements
Membership Renewals
Newsletters and Journals
QEX, NCJ, Electric Radio

The Field Day Pig and Question box were circulated to collect donations for Field Day operations and member requests and ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: George K7GRS circulated the Club's spiffy new membership cards

Training: Next Technicians Class in October.

VE Report from John AC7WW

Tuesday, June 9th seven VE's graded 15 exams from twelve candidates. Three new Technicians joined the amateur service. Seven candidates upgraded to General. One candidate became an Extra after passing elements two, three and four. One candidate did not earn an initial license.

Thanks to the following VE's for their time and effort.

Jan, K7HTU	Jon, AD7AW
Rich, KK7VH	Jim, N7RHX
Mike, W7XH	Whit, KG7LAZ

The next monthly scheduled testing session will be Tuesday July14, 2015.

HF Station: Operational

Repeaters: Operational

Facilities: The recently approved garage lighting project will likely begin as gear is removed from the garage in support of Field Day

Property Management: Mike Finnie W7MWF reported several recent donations. The Property Management Team is considering participation in the Chehalis Tailgate Hamfest next month.

Field Day: Field Day signup sheets were circulated, and **Randy WB4SBP** provided a current Field Day Planning status. The Club plans to operate in category 6 A and will have a Get On The Air (GOTA) station as well. Help is particularly needed to load, setup and after Field Day to take down, clean up, and return our gear to storage.

Workshops:

The June 24th Workshop will focus on Field Day operational and logging techniques and practice.

PROGRAM: The Radio Club of Tacoma Library – Dave Oakman AD7AV

Dave presented an extensive overview of the purpose, policy and extensive holdings of the Club's library, including several outstanding, rare, and historical books and periodicals. He brought a broad array of library books for membership review.

George Salisbury K7GRS provided an overview of a newly developed system designed to augment the Dewey Decimal System cataloging used in the library. When completed this new database system will facilitate finding any Library document simpler and easier..

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July's Program: Will be a presentation and discussion of the Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) by **Chris Maher KG7NFF (now N7CPM)**

RCT Treasurer: The Club's Treasurer **David K7HTJ**'s increasing business commitments regretfully forced his resignation. The Club is seeking members

interested in taking on the appointment as Treasurer. Please contact any Club Officer or Board Member for further information.

Open House/Duty Officers: The Club would like to welcome **Bob Jamison KE7WPK** and **Valerie Piggot K7VAP** as new Saturday Hosts. Thanks for stepping up to serve.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

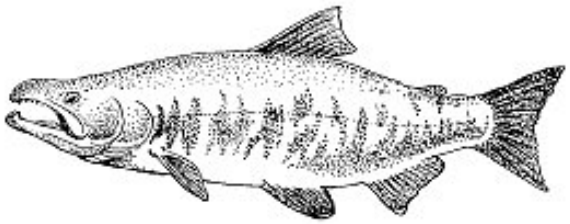
The Club's white **vinyl banner** remains missing, however, we now have a new banner acquired by **George K7GRS** and donated to the Club.

Emergency Communications: **Larry KD4VOM** briefly described the major category 9 earthquake scenario in the works for summer of 2016. He invited interested parties to attend an ARES briefing at the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center on Thursday 18 June at 7 pm.

TUNING AND TRAFFIC:

DOOR PRIZES: Ollie AD7CC picked up the Door Prize, while **Dave W7UUU** took home the Key.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm.



Board of Directors Meeting

1 July 2015

The Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma.

Officers Present

President	Gary McAdams KG7X
Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board Member	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board Member	Al Ferguson N7OMS
Board Member	Mike Finnie W7MWF

There were 11 names on the attendance roster a copy of which is attached to the original minutes

Quorum: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Gary McAdams WG7X.

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 2015 Board Meeting as distributed and coordinated, were approved without objection or correction.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Greta reports that Casey WY7V has fallen and broken her arm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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TREASURER'S REPORT: David W7HTJ

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

George K7GRS reported membership stands at 295.

Library:

George K7GRS reported progress in the library searchable database project

Training: The next Technician's Class will be in October

Information Technology: – Randy Myers WB4SBP

Clubhouse IT system is nominal with no issues

Randy also noted the donation of many routers by **Jim Pallwitz W7ZND**, cabling and Wi-Fi antennas, some of which were used in the development of the mesh

network constructed to support multiple station logging for Field Day

HF Operations: Operational

Repeaters:

There was a report of an open mike on the 147.28 repeater last Friday which lasted about 5 minutes. The question was raised about whether the repeater has an auto timeout/protection in such an event.

Repeater Status:

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Facilities Management:

HF Station facility work: Al Ferguson N7OMS - Pending

Garage lighting: Budget approved, recent incident indicates faulty ground.

Garage Exterior: Bob K7MXE has recently power washed the garage outside in preparation for maintenance and painting.

Property Management:

Mike W7MWF: Mike presented a proposed list of surplus property to the Board for disposition approval. ***A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the property disposition list as submitted.***
Most of the property approved for disposition will be offered to Club members on Saturday18 July, and the remainder will likely go to the Centralia Hamfest on the last Saturday in July.

General Membership Meeting Program for 8 July;
Chris N7CPM will present a program on APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System.

Workshop Project:

July Workshop topic pending

Museum: **Rich KR7W** No Report

Field Day: **Randy WB4SBP and Mike W7WMF**

Randy reported that the newly constructed Field Day mesh logging network worked well and helped ease the logging burden.

We had over hundred sign in on our attendance roster, and the site was active almost all of the time,

President Gary made a special point of thanking all who had a hand in this year's Field Day which was pretty special.
Randy Myers WB4SBP will submit an invoice for previously approved expenses associated with the Field Day mesh network project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bylaws Amendment:

A proposed membership dues grace period was presented for Board review and action.

Proposed amendment to the RCT Bylaws dated November 14th2012

That Section Two, Membership Fees and Assessment, Subsection (B) is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

(B) DUE DATE. Membership shall commence with the tender of a properly completed application and appropriate fee to any Club officer. Annual membership dues will be paid in advance, in total on or before December 31 of each year. Renewal notice may be provided in the Club newsletter. Dues for membership renewals not received by December 31 shall be considered in arrears at which point membership and all rights and privileges therein will be terminated without further notice.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this proposed amendment and arrange for member-

ship notice and balloting according to the provisions in the Bylaws

At this point the discussion turned to an opportunity to review the current Bylaws for any additional amendments that might be appropriate. George K7GRS, Larry KD4VOM, and Peter AD7EU agreed to conduct a review and make recommendations to the Board.

RCT Centennial Planning No updates

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION TOPICS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ARES/ARRL Meeting: Monte Simpson AF7PQ, the ARRL's Western Washington Section Manager's presentation for June 18th at the Pierce County EOC was rescheduled for this month and will be on Thursday, July 16th ARES District 5 general membership meeting at the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center The meeting is open to all and starts at 19:00.

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Monte will be talking about ARRL, ARES and especially the large earthquake based scenario exercise called Cascadia Rising coming in June next year.

Promotional Opportunity: **Peter Baker AD7EU's** recommendation to a potential promotional opportunity with the Tacoma Historical Society was referred to Stephen AD7AB.

ATTABOY"S: Everyone who had a hand in this year's great Field Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:55

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Radio Club of Tacoma
Proudly celebrating 99 years of Amateur Radio Service to Pierce County and the Pacific Northwest

General Membership Meeting
8 July 2015 Meeting Notes

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President Gary WG7X called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President	Gary McAdams WG7X
Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Board	Mike Finnie W7MWF

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by President Gary WG7X

INTRODUCTIONS: Welcoming of guests and self-introductions were completed.

Several new visitors were welcomed, and new calls acknowledged

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

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The Field Day Pig and Question/Suggestion box were circulated to collect donations for Field Day operations and member requests and ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Last reported at 295

Training: Next Technicians Class will be October.10/11

HF Station: Operational

Repeaters: Operational

Facilities:

The RCT Garage has been pressure washed in preparation for repair and maintenance.

Bob K7MXE is looking for folks with carpenter expertise to help with the maintenance and repair work...

Property Management: Mike Finnie W7MWF reported receipt of several recent donations. The Property Management Team will host the Club's membership mini swap meet tailgate the third Saturday of this month Saturday 18 July (instead of the usual last Saturday). The list is long, and pricing fair. Items not sold on the 18th, will be offered for sale at the Chehalis Hamfest on the last Saturday of the Month July 25th. The list bill be made available on the members only portion of the website

Field Day: Randy WB4SBP provided an overview of **Field Day** operations.

Randy thanked everyone for such great turnout and participation. Field Day logged around 1,700 contacts, which was about 35% more than last year, when we were operating only three stations instead of this year's 6.Propagation didn't help, but we managed to gather up around 6,400 points, including 90 which came from Rich KR7W's guest W7TAO Todd's two sons Mason KG7URD (age 13) and Tanner KG7URC (age 10). One logged 20 contacts and the other logged 10, good going!

Randy especially recognized the Field Day "Fuel" team who kept the coffee and food coming.

Paul W7PFU and Jan K7HTU received recognition as "Master Chiefs of the Mess", Charles Smith AE7BM wasrecognized as "First Mate of the Mess" while Mike W7GHW, Greta KF7KSW and Bob N7NCP were celebrated as "Stewards of the Mess"

Workshops:

To Be Determined

PROGRAM: Automated Packet Reporting System (APRS) Chris Maher N7CPM

Chris is an IT professional, local ham operator, avid APRS user and great presenter. Chris's presentation covered concepts and details of the Automatic Packet Reporting System, known as APRS - a fascinating and fun digital communications system designed initially for tactical emergency communications and now greatly expanded for ham radio operators worldwide.- Everything from weather, announcements, bulletins, ham operator location tracking and many other forms of data can be sent and received via APRS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August's Program: To be determined

RCT Treasurer: The Club is seeking members interested in taking on the appointment as Treasurer. Please contact any Club Officer or Board Member for further information.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Dave, W7UUU presented a 1983 CPM Manual to Chris in honor of his new N7CPM call sign**.**

Emergency Communications: Larry KD4VOM described the major category 9.5 earthquake **Cascadia Rising** scenario in the works for summer of 2016. He invited interested parties to attend an ARES briefing at the Pierce County Emergency Operations Center on Thursday 18 June at 7 pm.

TUNING AND TRAFFIC: Dave W7UUU, remembering Nick K7MO and his odyaessy one dark and stormy night to get a four second contact with DX station **Navassa K1N**, Dave is proud to have received his coveted QSL card.

SHOW AND TELL:

Rich KR7W explained his use of neon light bulbs at the ends of his Field Day CW Antenna, which blinked when transmitting.

Rich KR7W also brought a vintage (1940s era) Motorola portable entertainment radio which he plans to restore.

DOOR PRIZES: Steve AD7VL and **Jan K7HTU** picked up the Door Prizes, while **Leonard KA7NWF** took home a Raffle Prize.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

FIELD DAY 2014

Article submitted by Randy WB4SPB, with photos courtesy of many club members.

After two years of class E operation from our permanent Clubhouse, the Radio Club of Tacoma (RCT) returned **W7DK** massively to the field this year, for Field Day 2015. As we have on several past occasions, we set up on the grounds of Western State Hospital in Lakewood, WA. This site is adjacent to a busy thoroughfare and directly across from Ft. Steilacoom Park, so with our numerous shelters, three portable towers and a soaring, 3-element wire yagi for 40M, we presented an eye-catching target for passers-by and were easy to find for those who came looking.

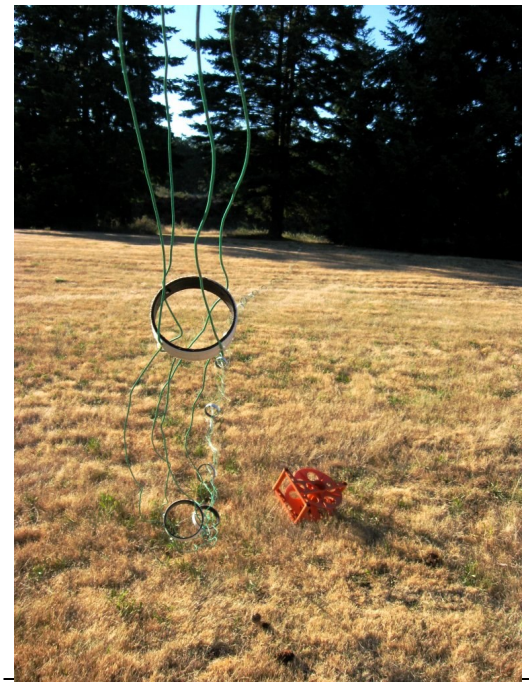
RCT fielded six HF stations this year plus VHF, satellite and GOTA setups.

To the left, Commander Bob AD7LJ operates his cross-band satellite station. Everyone was intrigued by the technology he employed.

Below left, the GOTA station spearheaded by Steve AD7VL.

Below right, Rich KR7W and Chuck AC7QN are making qsos with the pedal-powered generator of Chuck's design.

AD7QI and KE6WHN contributed 10M and VHF stations powered entirely with solar energy, and they even had a wind turbine on hand (but, unfortunately, no wind). A small amount (5 QSOs worth) of 40M CW operation was carried out using human power: while also operating the radio, KR7W pedaled a stationary bicycle to drive a motor-generator and regulator assembled by AC7QN. Between bicycle and solar power, we conducted 21 alternative-power QSOs on 40M, 10M and 6M.
KR7W also contributed our magnificent 40M yagi and catenary dipole combination, which gave us coverage to the east (the yagi) and north/south (the dipole). The tall trees at the site provided very good elevation for these antennas: 65 feet at the feed points.



The trees also supported cage dipoles for 75/80M and 10M. For 15M and separate 20M phone and CW stations, we had yagi antennas on three AB-577 "rocket launcher" portable towers.
The satellite setup, contributed by AD7LJ, was a center of attention even though we were unsuccessful in making any QSOs with it. Many were fascinated by the computerized satellite track display and the automated movement of the antennas, driven by az-el rotors, during a satellite pass.
The GOTA station was operated by AD7VL and crew, who brought a self-contained, emergency-ops station-on-a-trailer. complete with a crank-up tower. The GOTA station signed W7OS.

Our "experiment with something new" this year involved a 2.4Ghz wireless "mesh" network based on consumer WiFi equipment flashed with Broadband-Hamnet firmware. The network connected our logging computers to log server and log backup computers. All were laptops capable of internal battery operation, and the mesh nodes were powered by marine batteries, so that we did not suffer network outages when generators needed refueling. Elevated omni-directional antennas were used and gave excellent coverage, with node spacing up to 250 feet.

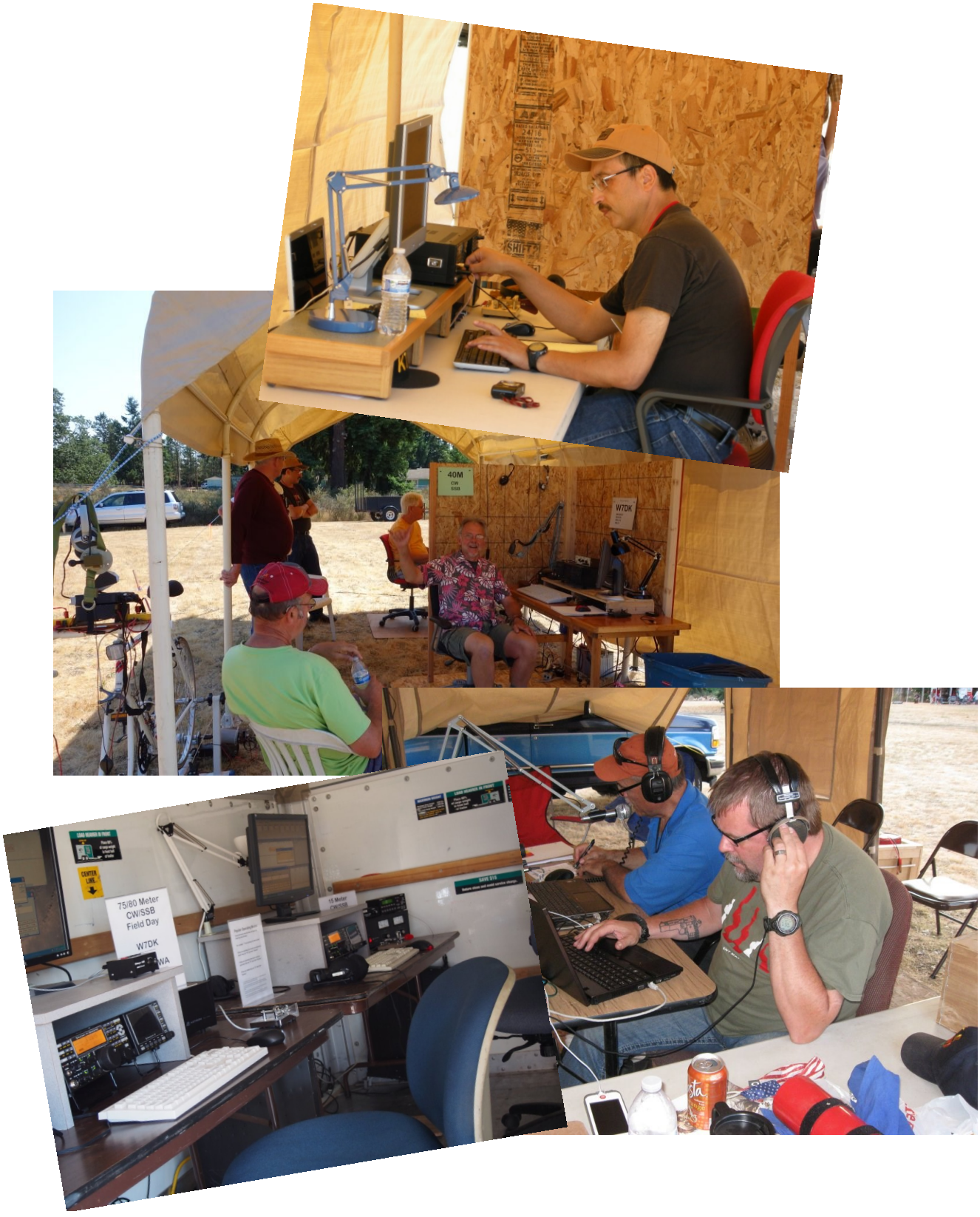
We also tried some hyper-high-frequency SWL operation, using an 8-inch Zhumell reflector telescope brought out by K7VAP. No intelligent signals were detected, but shortly after sunset we enjoyed great views of crescent Venus plus Jupiter and at least three of its moons.

The turnout of Club members was extremely gratifying. We had lots of help with equipment transport, setup, kitchen operation and takedown. W7PFU and K7HTU were awarded "Master Chiefs of the Mess" recognition for their terrific food service, providing us with a pizza lunch during Friday setup, grilled ham and cheese sandwiches for Saturday lunch, a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening, and a traditional "Logger's Breakfast" on Sunday morning. AD7QI provided a midnight snack of grilled kabobs, and "First Mate of the Mess" AE7BM was seen making late night trips with coffee to each of the stations around our site.

Our public information table was overseen by AC7WW, and we collected 103 entries in our sign-in log, about 35% of which were not Club members.

We had two youthful operators, KG7URC (now K7TMT) and KG7URD (now K7MWT), and this was the first portable-operation Field Day for at least 20 Club members.

We tally our Field Day successes this year in any number of ways, for example: 1663 QSOs, skills and equipment exercised, experience gained, food, fun and camaraderie partaken-of. Now, if conditions had been a little better and the threat of lightning hadn't shut us down an hour early… maybe we'd have broken 2000 QSOs. It's something we can work toward next year.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Upcoming Events

4th Wednesday Workshop - **August 27 at the Clubhouse @ 7pm**
A TOUR OF THE W7DK WEBSITE This month, webmaster Joe will show us the RCT website from the inside out. You'll see how open-source Joomla technology makes it easy to customize and maintain our unique website for the membership and anyone interested in amateur radio.

Annual Club Picnic - August 29 3 pm 'til 6 pm
The annual Kirkreit Memorial Picnic will be held at Ft. Steilacoom Park, 8714 87th Ave SW. This event is being coordinated by Anne N7ANN and Dave W7UUU. The picnic shelter has been reserved so it will be fun Rain or Shine. Bring your favorite potluck side-dish, salad, or desert to share.

Salmon Run 2015 - The Washington State QSO Party
W7DK will again participate from the Clubhouse on **September 19th and 20th.** The event runs 9 am to midnight on Saturday, and from 9 am until 5 pm on Sunday. Not only is this a **FUN** event, it is also one of the Club's major **FUN**draising events. Members and others pledges help throughout the year funding various club activities and improvements. You should soon receive your Pledge Letter, so take a few moments, fill it out, and return to the club. And then come play on the radios for the weekend, or head for the countryside and operate remotely.

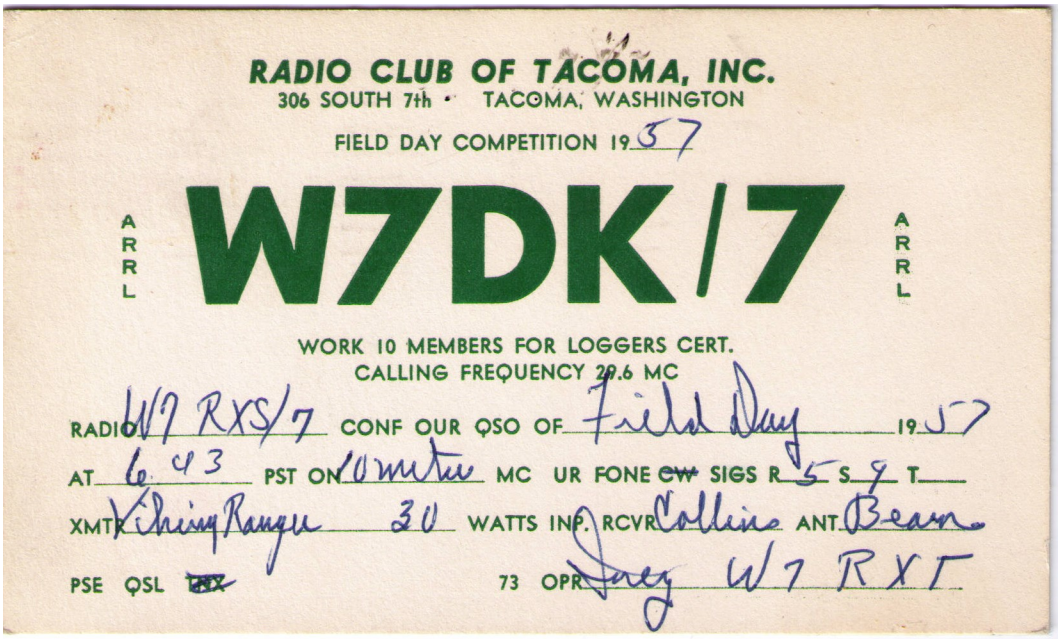
Field Day 1957

Eagle-eyed club member Ryan spotted these 2 cards at a flea market recently and donated them to the club. They are an artifact of the W7DK Filed Day held 58 years ago.

Thanks Ryan for sharing them with us.

Operator's Wallpaper

If you have any special, or cool, or unique, or simply beautiful QSL cards in your collection that you'd like to share, please scan (high resolution is preferred) and email to the Bark Editor w7dk-news@earthlink.net. If you can't get them scanned, bring them along to the clubhouse on a Saturday , we'll scan them real quick and give them back to you.



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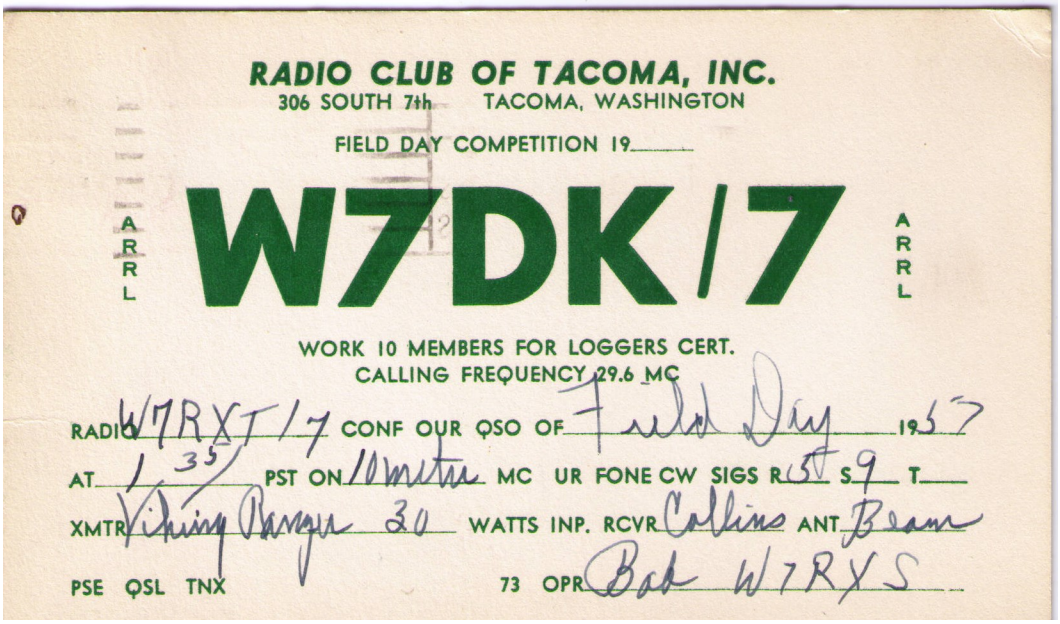
306 SOUTH 7th · TACOMA, WASHINGTON
FIELD DAY COMPETITION 1957

ARRL W7DK/7 ARRL

WORK 10 MEMBERS FOR LOGGERS CERT.
CALLING FREQUENCY 29.6 MC

RADIO W7RXS/7 CONF OUR QSO OF Field Day 1957
AT 6:43 PST ON 10 meter MC UR FONE ~~CW~~ SIGS R 5 S 9 T ___
XMTR Viking Ranger 30 WATTS INP. RCVR Collins ANT Beam
PSE QSL ~~TNX~~ 73 OPR Inez W7RXT



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306 SOUTH 7th TACOMA, WASHINGTON
FIELD DAY COMPETITION 19___

ARRL W7DK/7 ARRL

WORK 10 MEMBERS FOR LOGGERS CERT.
CALLING FREQUENCY 29.6 MC

RADIO W7RXT/7 CONF OUR QSO OF Field Day 1957
AT 1:35 PST ON 10 meter MC UR FONE CW SIGS R 5 S 9 T ___
XMTR Viking Ranger 30 WATTS INP. RCVR Collins ANT Beam
PSE QSL TNX 73 OPR Bob W7RXS

Reciprocal QSL cards sent by Field Day Operators Bob W7RXS and Inez W7RXT Church-ward.

It appears that the rules way back then permitted you to operate at both the Field Day station and again at your home station.

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Remember - For the latest and most current information on events and activities, visit the Radio Club of Tacoma Website w7dk.org. Be sure to enroll as a member to see all the info.

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Upcoming RCT Events

REGULAR EVENTS

Club Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Workshops: Fourth Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse, 1249 So. Washington St, Tacoma. A variety of training and educational events will be conducted.

Board Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz .

SPECIAL EVENTS

August 27 - Fourth Wednesday Workshop at the Clubhouse 7pm

August 29 - Picnic at Ft Steilacoom Park 3 to 6 pm

September 19/20 - Salmon Run 2015